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"We desire to take this opportunity to advise the members that each Director of your new board has assumed and is participating in one or more functions of the Association.

"We wish to solicit at this time the participation of all members in the various activities and request that any member who desires to serve on any of the committees send a request to MARY GALE, Secretary of M. H. A., 6053 Chabot Road, Oakland 18.

"To further insure that the year 1951 be a successful one, we ask that all members set aside now on their calendars the dates of the events for this year and plan to attend and participate in the Association's activities.

"The Board extends the very best wishes for the year 1951 to all the membership."

(signed) Board of Directors,  
by Ralph Coffey, President

## — SAVE THESE DATES! —

**Friday, January 26 — REGION 5 DINNER.**

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Thursday, March 1—Open Meeting.

Thursday, June 7—Open Meeting.

June 23, 24—HORSE SHOW.

Thursday, September 6—Open Meeting.

October: C. S. H. A. Convention, Fresno.

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## RALPH COFFEY, President

Charter member and M. H. A.'s first Secretary-Treasurer, Ralph drafted the original By-Laws of the organization. A director on several occasions, he was on the 1940 Horse Show committee, and worked actively with the 1950 Trails committee. He saw service in the South Pacific in World War II as Lieutenant Colonel in the Army Air Force. An attorney-at-law, he is a member of the Board of Directors, Oakland Chapter American Red Cross, belongs to Athenian Nile, Politicians' Club, Alameda Co. Bar Ass'n., and local Masonic organizations, including Sequoia Lodge and Aahmes Shrine Temple, as well as a local men's riding group. His buckskin, Smoky, is at his Skyline Blvd. home, Cerros Estrallados Ranch. M. H. A.'s success in luring him from camera, rifle and trout rod remains a miracle.

## GEORGE S. DANIELS, Vice-President

Serving a second term, George will continue to head the Trails committee. He is a member of many horsemen's groups, including Los Caballeros of Los Angeles and the San Francisco Sheriff's Posse, as well as the California Cattlemen's Ass'n. and the American Galloway Breeders Ass'n. He is "George Daniels, Inc.," San Francisco Pontiac dealer, and also owns a ranch in Laytonville, where he breeds the fine Galloway cattle he imports from Scotland. George belongs to local Masonic organizations, San Francisco business groups and the California Society of Pioneers. He stables a handsome Standardbred, Bronze Leaf, at The Green Barn. He is well-known to the M. H. A. for his annual Daniels Day trail ride, barbecue and field day.

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### **MISS MARY GALE, Secretary**

Mary begins her seventh years as M. H. A. Secretary. Formerly a Director, at one time Secretary-Treasurer, she has worked on Membership, Activities and Trail Blazer. She is in the Alameda Co. Purchasing Office, rides at Cressmount with Upson Downs, keeps two horses at the family ranch at Winters. She's a member of the College Women's Club of Berkeley, serves as crew on her dad's yacht, likes sports, music, interior decorating.

### **MISS DEANE BURTON**

Deane will assist on two committees: Juniors and Activities. Her fine work on M. H. A. show committees, as co-chairman

of Activities last year, and as President of the Lari-ettes all mark her as extremely capable. She's a career girl, too, with a job at Oak Knoll Naval Hospital. Her success with her thoroughbred jumper, Idiot's Delight, indicates her horsemanship. She also likes music, swimming and skiing.

### **SIDNEY V. CHOWN**

Let's admit it: Chown's Market and the United Grocer's Ass'n. are Sid's hobbies, and trail rides are his career. He has been on M. H. A. Trails committees, belongs to trail riding clubs from Vermont to Concord, Cal; has taken the de Anza ride to Calxico, the Merced-Mariposa ride to Yosemite, and many others. His horse, Guy Diablo, is stabled at his home. Lacking a horse, he'll hike or travel.

### **CHARLES L. HALL**

Long a member of M. H. A., Charles assisted at the second Horse Show—held in Portuguese Flat—where a profit of \$14 was made. He has assisted at many horse shows for M. H. A. and other groups; acted as drill master for the Juniors, worked with square dance and drill teams, and put on horse shows for the benefit of the Boy Scouts for 10 years. He is a member of Rotary and Aahmes Shrine.

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## AUGUST W. ("Gus") HIMMELMAN

Gus was a Director in 1945, and has worked on many committees since then. His clubhouse has been the meeting-place of horsemen, including the Juniors, for many years. He is with Sterling Furniture Co., belongs to Masonic groups, rides with I. F. A. mounted unit. He and his wife, Elsa, have two prize-winning mounts, Monte Carlo and Peanuts. Gus will be Membership chairman this year.

## DAVID CLAY JONES

Dave served last year as Trail Blazer director; he will head Finance. A heating engineer, manager of Service Heat & Power Company, he belongs to Lions and other business and professional clubs, was president of the Past Masters Ass'n. (Masonic); rides King Jasper, a black-and-white pinto, with Aahmes Shrine Mounted Patrol. He likes fishing; is a handy man at a high Sierra camp stove.

## JOE STERN

Joe's work last year on Trails brought him double duties: he will assist the M. H. A. Juniors, and act as Custodian of Property. President of the Joe Stern Truck Co., he belongs to Athens Club, Aahmes Shrine Temple, Scimitar Club, I. F. A. and many other groups. He rides with Alameda Co. Sheriff's Posse and keeps his mount, Biscuit, at his own stable.

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Bill, a member of M. H. A. for seven years, was co-chairman of the Membership committee in 1950; he also served on horse show and field day committees. He operates Piedmont Stables in Redwood Canyon. He is a member of the Rodeo Cowboys Association, and organizes calf roping contests in his arena.

## BURTON R. THOMAS

Owner of a typewriter and adding machine business, Burton was 1950 President of the I. F. A. Mounted Unit, and is active in other riding groups. His horse, Louie, is at the Piedmont. While "horses and home at Guernwood Park" are his hobbies, he's on many club rosters: Rotary, Masonic Lodge, Knights Templar, Aahmes Shrine, Loyal Order of Moose. He will direct the Trail Blazer.

## R. M. ("Bud") VOGEL

This portable generator of enthusiasm was Activities chairman last year; is sales representative with Sun Electric Corp., belongs to Masonic Lodge, I. F. A., and Boots & Jeans, among other groups. He and Vianne keep their horses, Honest John

and Trigger, at Big Bear Stables. Pleading new responsibilities, Bud asked for "less work this year." He will assist on Membership.

## HOWARD N. YOUNG

Resident Manager of Berkeley's Hotel Claremont, Howard will head the important Activities committee. A member of local men's riding groups, including Sonoma County Trail Blazers, he keeps his black gelding, Major, at Miss Graham's. A pilot in World War II, he likes flying and hunting. He belongs to North Oakland Kiwanis, and is President of the East Bay Restaurant Association.

## M. H. A. JUNIORS ELECT "JUNIOR OF THE YEAR" AS PRESIDENT

Ward Gallo was elected President at the meeting of Juniors on December 9. Other officers for 1951: Jean Smith, Vice-President; Pat Wirt, Secretary; Janet Phillips, Treasurer; Jackie Miller, Sergeant-at-Arms. Last December Ward received the "Junior of the Year" award for 1950.

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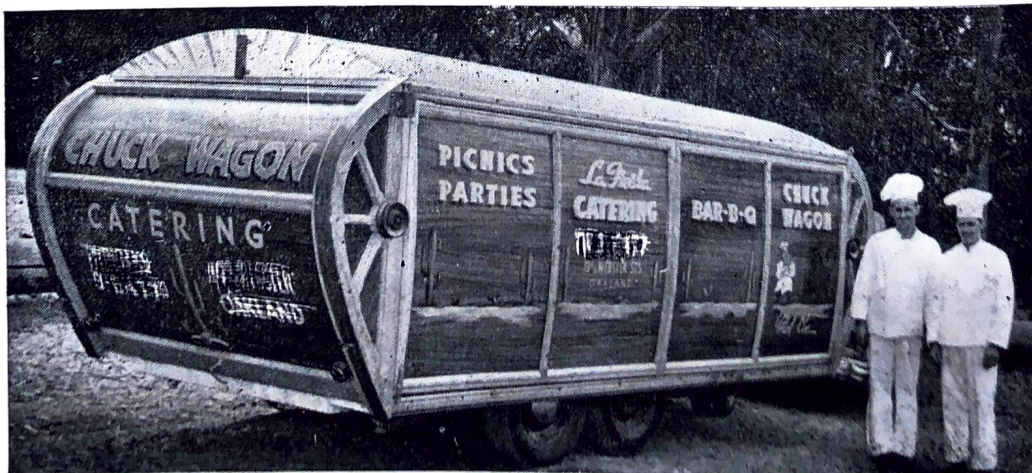
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# BIG CROWD AT DINNER DANCE

Horsemen were guided by the fragrance of Mel Coe's steaks broiling right out in the rainy street, as they headed for the annual dinner last December 3. Stopping to pay tribute to Ed Martin's busy Foot-printers at the refreshment stand, they checked their wraps with the M. H. A. Juniors, admired the tables flower-decked by the Lari-ettes, and settled down—261 of them—to the steak.

Ceremonies were short: Retiring President Heber James Brown thanked those who had served with him: the Directors, Secretary Mary Gale, Publicity Director Blanche Paul and the Trail Blazer staff.

## Gift for Heber Brown

James A. Myers presented a bronze plaque bearing a horse's head and the M. H. A.'s grateful thanks to Heber, pointing out that it was a considerable achievement to close the year with some \$1,000 on the right side of the ledger.

The new directors were presented by Jim Myers, chairman of the Election committee. Jim announced with regret that, after the ballots were sent out, John Thiel had withdrawn his name for business reasons.

## Many Riding Groups

Well represented were: Alameda Co. Sheriff's Posse, Aahmes Shrine Rangers, Boots & Jeans, Castro Valley Horsemen, I. F. A., Oakland Police Mounted Division, Lari-ettes, M.H.A. Juniors and Mt. Eden Horsemen. Stables included Neves, Piedmont, Pinto and Skyline.

Gifts were donated: a silver-and-gold watchband from Skyline Ranch, and two dinners from Skyline Kitchen.

While the Directors retired to choose Ralph Coffey as President and George Daniels as Vice-President, the crowd danced to Rod McCauley's music. Some 50 members hurried to pay their 1951 dues, and the refreshment crew was kept busy: Ed Martin, Gino Angeli, Ted Jahn, Leo Raschdorf, Bill Schaeffer and Walt Westernoff. (Martin and Raschdorf came back in the cold morning after to help on the clean-up job, says Activities chairman Bud Vogel.)

Deane Burton, Dutch and Harold Cummings, Danny Danielson, Jerry Kerr and Vianne Vogel deserve special mention, too, for doing all the things that made the dinner a success.

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### Receipts:

Trail Blazer advertising	120.00
Horse Show, trophies ..	165.00
Dues .....	\$ 11.00
Total .....	\$ 296.00

### Expenses:

Membership: Open Meeting, Refreshments, postage and printing .....	31.91
Trail Blazer, total .....	158.27
Activities: Printing ....	53.75
Total .....	243.93
Profit for the month ....	52.07
BANK BALANCE, Dec. 2, 1950 .....	\$ 655.96
<b>Accounts Receivable:</b>	
Horse Show prog. adv.	132.50
Horse Show trophies ..	85.00
Horse Show sponsors ..	50.00
Trail Blazer advertising	377.50
Total .....	\$ 645.00
<b>Accounts Payable, total ..</b>	<b>\$ 32.50</b>

## CRESSMOUNT SCHOOLING SHOW

The December show at Cressmount netted \$150, which was donated to the Veterans at Oak Knoll Hospital.

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Blanche has held some M. H. A. office for the past five years. Starting on the Trail Blazer staff in 1946, she took over an uncompleted membership of the Board in October. She served on the Board during 1947 and 1948, and as editor of the Trail Blazer for about a year and a half. For the past three years she has done the publicity for the annual horse show.

Willing, enthusiastic workers, Blanche and Stew will be hard to replace—and we couldn't be sorrier to offer our congratulations, if you see what we mean!

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## CASTRO VALLEY ZONING STUDIED BY C. S. H. A.

Recommendations for zoning Castro Valley, an un-incorporated area, are under study by the Alameda Co. Planning Commission, it was revealed at a meeting on December 12.

Region 5 Vice-President George Walling was present, together with C.S.H.A. Past President Fred Anderson and Baird Porter, Arab breeder of Castro Valley. They are studying the effect of this measure on the maintenance of horses in the zones to be created.

M. H. A. Directors will keep themselves informed of developments of interest to horsemen, according to President Ralph Coffey.

## OAKLAND POLICE, M't'd. Div.

New Colors of the Mounted Division, presented by Chief of Police Lester J. Divine, were unfurled for the first time at the meeting of December 11th.

Dr. Drury, President, was unable to attend, due to earlier commitments; Secre-

tary-Treasurer Don Nicholson was delayed (fog), so Captain Peckham presided. After a short meeting, the unit retired for instruction in handling firearms. The class was supervised by Inspector Joe Lawrence and Officer Cecil Jensen, who have been giving freely of their spare time to making this an efficient unit.

## NEW OFFICERS FOR I. F. A.

The Mounted Unit, International Footprint Ass'n., met at Mel Coe's on Dec. 11 and elected the following officers: Merritt Herrick, President; Louis Barriours, Vice-President; Louis Sylvia, Secretary; Martin Huff, Treasurer; Edward Martin, Captain; Dowd Puterbaugh, 1st Lieutenant; Edmond Bergk, 2nd Lieutenant. Board of Directors: George Walling, Burton Thomas, Joseph Chapman and Leo Raschdorf.

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## PINTO RANCH NEWS

Don Bentley was married on Nov. 22—it's Don and Ruth now, and congratulations! To be finished soon: a saddle for Vern Chapell; a pair of silver saddles for Ries and Esther Silva.

The Adams mare, Rosita, is expected to foal shortly.

New Boarders: four fiery-eyed, rough-coated, pawing broncs belonging to prospective bareback riders Bob Marletta, Bill Barnard and Frank Brum.

Truman Brown and Clarence Tallarico helped at the Camp Stoneman horse show, and participants included Pat Wirt, Mary and Louis Barrious, Leo Raschdorf, Bob O'Grady, Dowd Puterbaugh — as well as Louis Albert's mare, Flica, who proudly carried Chief of Police Divine.

## OAKLAND RIDING ACADEMY

Art Aguiar, riding Speckle, won the jumping class at the Cressmount show on Dec. 10. Art is now in Pensacola with the Naval Air Service.

Bob Lorimer has been making additions to his barn and doing a winter house-cleaning. He wishes everyone better riding weather in 1951.

## SKYLINE RANCH

Skyline spent a busy December getting the entertainment for the children's party lined up. Sponsored by the Alameda Co. Sheriff's Posse, the Christmas party for underprivileged children has become a big annual affair.

Loretta Cosca has been giving riding lessons to young children; Jose de la Torre recently returned from a trip to Mexico. Even during the recent "weather," Arthur Denton and Carl Reid were on hand to exercise their horses. A new boarder is Madeline Cadenasso.

Snow Boots, blue ribbon palomino, was recently purchased by Norman Ogilvie.

As soon as the weather breaks, Skyline plans to bring in cattle and start a training program for cow horses.

## SHERIFF'S POSSE INSTALLATION

Harry Bartell officiated at installation of Capt. James A. Myers, 1st Lieut. Pray, 2nd Lieuts. Cosca and Farrar, on Dec. 12. Chief of Police Lester Divine was present. A silver belt was presented to retiring Captain Palmer.

Calvin Tisher heads the committee for the children's Christmas party of Dec. 24.

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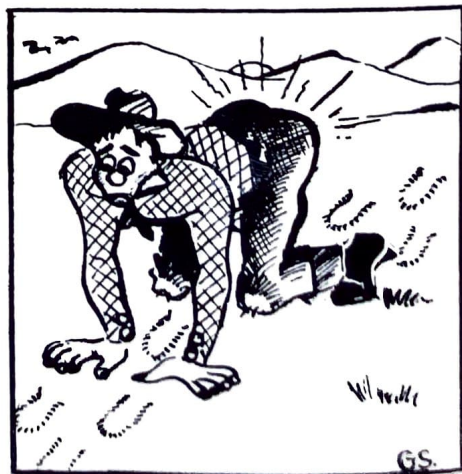
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